

Amendment under Article 19

CLAIMS

- 5 [1] (Amended) A Ni-Pt alloy superior in workability containing Pt in a content of 0.1 to 20wt% and having a Vickers hardness of 40 to 90.
- [2] (Amended) The Ni-Pt alloy according to claim 1 having a purity of 99.99% or higher.
- [3] A manufacturing method of Ni-Pt alloy superior in workability
10 comprising a step of subjecting a raw material Ni having a purity of 3N level to electrochemical dissolution, a step of neutralizing the electrolytically leached solution with ammonia, a step of removing impurities by filtering the neutralized solution with activated carbon, a step of blowing carbon dioxide into the resultant solution to form
15 nickel carbonate and exposing the resultant product to a reducing atmosphere to prepare high purity Ni powder, a step of leaching a raw material Pt having a purity of 3N level with acid, a step of subjecting the leached solution to electrolysis to prepare high purity electrodeposited Pt, and a step of dissolving the resultant high purity
20 Ni powder and high purity electrodeposited Pt.
- [4] The manufacturing method of Ni-Pt alloy according to claim 3 wherein the Ni-Pt alloy has a purity of 99.99% or higher.
- [5] The manufacturing method of Ni-Pt alloy superior in workability according to claim 3 or claim 4, wherein the Ni-Pt alloy has Pt in a
25 content of 0.1 to 20wt% and has a Vickers hardness of 40 to 90.
- [6] The manufacturing method of a Ni-Pt alloy target, wherein the dissolved Ni-Pt alloy ingot manufactured based on any one of the methods according to claims 3 to 5.
- [7] (Added) A Ni-Pt alloy target superior in workability containing Pt

in a content of 0.1 to 20wt% and having a Vickers hardness of 40 to 90.

[8] (Added) The Ni-Pt alloy target according to claim 7 having a purity of 99.99% or higher.

Explanation under Article 19(1)

The expression “Ni-Pt alloy and a target comprising the Ni-Pt alloy (Ni-Pt alloy target)” in claim 1 and claim 2, in which inventions of different categories coexist, has been amended to separate the terms “Ni-Pt alloy” and “Ni-Pt alloy target”. Specifically, claim 1 and claim 2 have been amended to indicate only “Ni-Pt alloy”, and new claims 7 and 8 have been added to indicate only “Ni-Pt alloy target”.

The foregoing amendment overcomes the inadequate descriptions in the claims.